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THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" It will be more useful as an election stunt to the Party of the hon. Member."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, the answer is not audible."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Hon. Minister said that the stunt was the monopoly of the Communist Party."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The question refers to G.O. Ms. No. 1797, dated the 17th September 1951. This work was sanctioned in that G.O. But the Hon. Minister says that it was not sanctioned. Therefore, may I know whether he has referred to the G.O. mentioned in the question? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The scheme has been sanctioned but not the detailed plans and estimates." 11·30 a.m.

SRI T. SHANMUGAM :—" பாயிண்ட் ஆப் ஆர்டர், சார், அங்கத்தினர்கள் எந்தக் கேள்வியைக் கேட்டாலும் மந்திரி அவர்கள்தான் எழுதிவைத்திருப்பதிலிருந்து பதிலைப் படித்துவிடுகிறார். அங்கத்தினர்கள் போடக்கூடிய கேள்விகளை மந்திரி அவர்கள் முன்னாலேயே தெரிந்துகொண்டு அதற்குப் பதில் எழுதிக்கொண்டுவந்துவிடுகிறாரா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I object to the insinuation made by the hon. Member, Sir."

Stakenet fishing.

* 681 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Director of Fisheries, Madras, has recently issued an order to the Assistant Director of Fisheries, Kozhikode, directing him not to issue licences for stakenet fishing in Pazhayangadi and other places in North Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) In July 1954 the Director of Industries and Commerce issued instructions to the Assistant Director of Fisheries, Kozhikode, to stay the issue of licences for Chirakkal taluk in North Malabar until further orders.

" (*b*) Several representations were received from different organizations of fishermen and individuals in the Malabar district especially in Chirakkal taluk, suggesting modification to some of the rules issued in the G.O. No. 288, Agriculture, dated 8th December 1953, to regulate the grant of stakenet licences. As it was not found possible to pass orders immediately on

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their representations without careful examination in consultation with the Director of Industries and Commerce, the further issue of these stakenet licences were stayed until Government were able to pass final orders on those representations.''

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—'' Is there any Government Order restricting the number of stakenet licences to be issued? On the floor of the Assembly, when Sri C. Rajagopalachari was the Chief Minister, it was said that the Government Order would be strictly followed for the benefit of fishermen. That being so, may I know what was the necessity for the Director of Industries to stay the issue of licences? Has this been done as a result of some representations made by some Congress leaders? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' Sir, there was a Government Order in accordance with the decision previously taken by the Government restricting the issue of stakenet licences. Since then, there have been representations, not from Congress leaders, but from fishermen who pointed out and represented that they were affected by the enforcement of that Order. They maintained that they were also entitled to receive consideration from the Government. Therefore, the Government have been examining that question. The hon. Member is aware that when I was in Kozhikode last time, I discussed with him and also the representatives of the other section. I held a joint discussion so to say. The Deputy Director was also present. The hon. Member, I hope, would admit that some compromise formula was evolved. The Collector is pursuing the matter in consultation with the Deputy Director of Industries. I do hope that a satisfactory solution will be arrived at which will be satisfactory to both the parties.''

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—'' Have the Government received any complaint from the members of the Stakenet Fishermen Co-operative Society that large scale contraband fishing is going on which affects their interests? If so, may I know what steps the Government have taken to protect their interests? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' I do not remember to have received any such representation.''

Protected water-supply

* 682 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the setting up of sedimentation plant under the scheme for protected water-supply for Kozhikode has been completed;

(*b*) whether the Headquarters Hospital, Kozhikode, is now having the benefit of water-supply;